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TOURISM AND CULTURE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government have received financial assistance from the Government of Japan for the developmentof Buddhist Monasteries;

(b)if so, whether the funds have since been allocated for the purpose;

(c)if so, the details thereof; and

(d)the Buddhist monasteries of the country particularly of Rajasthan proposed to be developed ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a), (b) & (c)The Government has not received any financial assistance from the Government of Japan for the development of Buddhist Monasteries in general but specifically for the Conservation of Ajanta and Ellora and its related development of Tourism Infrastructure.

An allocation of 3745 million Japanese Yen was provided for Phase I of this project for

(i) Monument Conservation.

(ii) Improvement of Aurangabad Airport.

(iii) Afforestation.

(iv) Improvement of Roads.

(v) Improvement of Electricity.

(vi) Improvement of Water Supply & Sewerage Disposal, and

(vii) Tourism infrastructure at Ajanta.

(d)There is no such proposal under consideration.